GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF VEHICLES INTO CNG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extension given by the Supreme Court on conversion of vehicles in Delhi into CNG;

(b) the efforts made by the Union Government for meeting the deadline pronounced by the Supreme Court on this issue;

(c) whether the Union Government have failed to fulfil the commitment in this regard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to mitigate the harassed vehicles owners in Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) In all three extensions were granted by the Supreme Court.

(b) Most of the directions of the Supreme Court have been to the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Union Government has constituted Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) to set up CNG stations in Delhi of which 87 have been established so far. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways have notified emission norms for use of CNG vehicles in February 2000

(c) Yes, Sir. IGL set up 87 CNG outlets only by 30th September 2001 instead of 80 outlets by 31 march 2000 as stipulated by the Court.

(d) the reasons for the delay have been the complex procedural formalities required and the need to import CNG equipment

(e) To enhance the supply of CNG further, steps taken are as follows:

- 29 High capacity compressors have been ordered
- 50 retails outlets have been identified for co-location of CNG facility
- 23 km long pipeline is being laid to connect Dhaula Kuan to G.T.Karnal Road to facilitate opening of more CNG stations;
- All CNG Daughter stations are being progressively upgraded to Daughter Booster and Online stations.